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## PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE re Application of:

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Group Art Unit: 2621

Appln. No.: 09/736,438

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## **AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 29, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows. The claims changes are reflected in the listing that begins at page 2, proposed drawing changes and new drawing sheets are identified beginning at page 6, and the Remarks begin at page 7.

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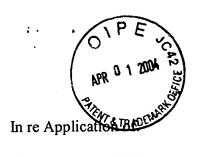
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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| Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$145°/\$290 |                                      |       |  |                         |                |                   |
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| X            | Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.  |
|              | Respectfully submitted,   |
|              | Attorney for Applicant  Registration No. 29 286   |
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